

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
DECEMBER 14, 1995

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was called to order on Thursday, December 14, 1995, at 10:35 a.m., in the Natural Products Center Board Room at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi.

Members present: Paul Breazeale, Yvonne Brown, John Junkin, II, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Hazel Terry, William Seal, and George Walker.

Members absent: Alton Bankston and Nell Rogers

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Eloise Johnson, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, Ed Schneider, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 10:35 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Mrs. Yvonne Brown.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by George Walker, the Board approved the minutes of the November 17, 1995, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Ray informed Board members that the Department of Human Services had notified him that all issues related to the monitoring visit of JOBS Grant #37831 had been resolved.

SBCJC offices will be closed on December 25 and 26, 1995, and January 1, 1996, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

Dr. Ray distributed to Board members a letter from Dr. Clyde Muse stating that the Mississippi Community College Foundation Board had voted to transfer operation, control, and maintenance of the Community College Network to the SBCJC. (Exhibit A)

Dr. Ray also presented a letter from Dr. Clyde Muse concerning a request for approval of Academic Center status for the Hinds Community College Vicksburg-Warren County Branch. (Exhibit B) This request will be placed on the January Agenda with a thirty minute time allotment for public presentation by Dr. Muse and interested parties.

The Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team will be recognized at a luncheon on March 6, 1996, at the Ramada Coliseum. Dr. Ray invited all Board members to attend.

Dr. Ray reported that he and Dr. Tom Layzell, Commissioner, Institutions of Higher Learning, are working on the establishment of an electronic classroom to be located in the Universities Center Complex.

Executive Director's Out-of-Town Travel Schedule:

December 20 and 29 - Personal Leave

January 12 - Biloxi, to deliver a speech to educators, sponsored by Mississippi Power Company

Dr. Ray asked Assistant Attorney General, Frankie Walton White, to update Board members on activities of the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration. Ms. White briefly discussed a change in ownership and the initial application for a Certificate of Registration for Moore Educational Services doing business as Southern Drivers Academy.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Mr. R. L. McClellan reported on the following items discussed during the November 1995 meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges:

A report was given on Regional Legislative meetings. The Association is working on a strategy to introduce a \$50,000,000 bonding bill to the 1996 Legislature.

The Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team Program was discussed.

A proposal from the Mississippi Humanities Council was presented to invite Mr. Robert K. Massie to appear on the CCN concerning the exhibit "The Palaces of St. Petersburg," scheduled in Jackson during the Spring of 1996.

Finance Committee

John Junkin and Deborah Gilbert covered items listed on the Finance Committee agenda.

Upon a motion by John Junkin and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January General Fund Disbursement from Fund 2298, in the amount of \$14,883,076. (Exhibit C)

Upon a motion by John Junkin and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 31, 1995, Education Enhancement Disbursement from Fund 4080 and Fund 4110 in the total amount of \$2,226,179.41. (Exhibit D)

John Junkin presented for the Board's review the Bi-monthly Capital Improvements Report. (Exhibit E) No action was required.

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the SBCJC Indirect Cost Proposal for FY 1997. (Exhibit F)

Upon a motion by George Walker and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of funds for a Plexus/EPiC ISO 9000 State License, Training Workshop for five individuals and four sets of Training Transparencies in the total amount of \$26,100. (Exhibit G)

Upon a motion by George Walker and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to ask the Legislature to reduce the Education Enhancement Formula in Senate Bill 3212 in order to line item \$750,000 for technology positions. (Exhibit H)

Deborah Gilbert presented the Legislative Budget Office's recommendation for the SBCJC's Support and Administration Budget for FY 1997. (Exhibit I) No action was required.

Deborah Gilbert presented for the Board's review a report on Allocations using Fall 1995 Enrollment with FY 1996 Funding. (Exhibit J) No action was required.

Deborah Gilbert presented for the Board's review Financial Statements on Funds 2291, 3291, 3292, and 4300. (Exhibit K) No action was required.

Workforce Education Report

George Walker reported on Workforce Education Committee activities. Mr. Walker announced that a special State Workforce Development Council meeting will be held next Monday, December 18, 1995, and urged Board members to attend if possible. He also reported that the Technology Transfer program between Mississippi's senior and community/junior colleges is proceeding nicely with the support of the State Workforce Council, IHL and the fifteen community/junior college presidents.

Mr. Walker reported that a free-standing committee of the State Workforce Council had met and voted to recommend to the Governor that Community College Districts be the funnel through which Block Grant funding is disseminated. The objective would be to have community and junior colleges and the skill/tech centers in a more direct line in distributing workforce training in the Block Grant funding process.

Ed Schneider asked SBCJC members to mark their calenders for the 1996 Skill/Tech Conference, to be held at the Harvey Hotel in downtown Jackson on February 28 and 29, 1996.

Health Care Committee

Dr. Larry Day distributed a copy of a letter mailed to SBCJC Health Care Committee Members following their meeting on November 17, 1995, for Board members' review. (Exhibit L)
Dr. Day updated the Board on the status of the health care study.

Rural Health Corps Grant Administration

Dr. Olon Ray reported that in July 1995, East Central Community College, Holmes Community College, Itawamba Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, and Northeast Mississippi Community College had requested that Mississippi State University allow the SBCJC to be the agency through which they would receive Rural Health Corps Grant funding. This request was submitted to and was approved in the Inspector General's Office in Washington D. C. Dr. Ray further stated that unless there were objections from the Board the SBCJC would accept administrative responsibility for funding for these five colleges.

Adult Basic Education

Eloise Johnson distributed a draft copy of the Adult Education Year-End Report for Fiscal Year 1995 for SBCJC members' review. (Exhibit M) Mrs. Johnson presented highlights of the year-end report and answered Board members' questions.

EdNet Report

Chairman Breazeale reported on an EdNet meeting held on December 5, 1995. EdNet's private partner, TruVision, has 10,205 total subscribers and the Gulf Coast cell is set for activation on January 15, 1996. Construction of the EdNet interactive classroom that will be housed in the basement of the Paul B. Johnson Tower of the Education and Research Center should be completed by the January SBCJC meeting.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Breazeale asked for requests for travel authorization reimbursements other than regularly stated Board meetings. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement for Alton Bankston's attendance at the Pearl River Community College Regional Legislative meeting and John Junkin and Paul Breazeale's attendance at the Jackson area Regional Legislative meeting.

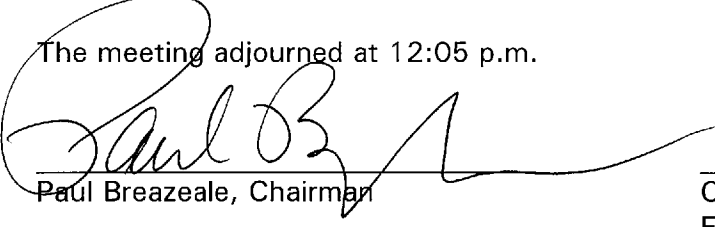
Other Business

In other business, Bill Bunch presented a recommendation for pursuing legislation to raise the Carnegie Unit requirement for admission to a community or junior college from 17 to 19 units. Historically, community/junior college admission unit requirements have been one unit less than that of Mississippi's public high school graduation requirements. In May of 1996, the Carnegie Units required for high school graduation will increase to 20. Upon a motion by William Seal and a second by Hazel Terry, the SBCJC voted unanimously to direct staff to pursue legislation to increase the Carnegie Unit requirement for admission to Mississippi's community/junior colleges from 17 to 19 units.

On a motion by George Walker and a second by Perrin Purvis the SBCJC voted unanimously to authorize a statement of appreciation to Chancellor Khayat, Andy Mullins, and the University of Mississippi staff for the courtesies shown them during their visit to the University.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



Paul Breazeale, Chairman



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Executive Director